

AMERICAN COLLEGE OF EMERGENCY PHYSICIANS



Trauma & Injury Prevention Section

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10:30 pm (EST)

MINUTES

Chair's Welcome and Introductions

Chris Pergrem, MD, FACEP, welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions took place.

Board Liaison Update

Ryan Stanton, MD, FACEP, provided an update on ACEP's activities. He highlighted the overall success of the Council meeting and the ACEP conference in Las Vegas. Dr. Stanton also mentioned that the ACEP Board has officially begun its search for a new Executive Director. Furthermore, the ACEP Council elected three new members to the Board of Directors: Diana B. Nordlund, DO, JD, FACEP, C. Ryan Keay, MD, FACEP, and Jennifer J. Casaletto, MD, FACEP. These additions will help shape the organization's future leadership and direction.

DC Update

Mr. Essis shared an update on ACEP's advocacy efforts in Washington, D.C. He emphasized the challenging environment in the house with only a small majority, and the upcoming elections. ACEP's push for the reauthorization of two critical trauma programs: the Pandemic All-Hazards Preparedness Act (PAHPA) and the Emergency Medical Services for Children Act (EMSC). These programs are crucial for maintaining the nation's readiness in responding to public health emergencies and ensuring trauma care.

- **PAHPA:** ACEP supports the reauthorization of Senate bill S. 2333 and House bills H.R. 4421 and H.R. 4420, which aim to strengthen trauma response and readiness.
- **EMSC:** The EMSC program has already passed the House and is moving forward.
- **Poison Control Centers Reauth:** Mr. Essis also reported on the reauthorization of poison control centers, which has passed both the House and Senate and is expected to be signed by the president.
- **Dr. Lorna Breen Reauthorization:** ACEP is advocating for the reauthorization of the Dr. Lorna Breen Health Care Provider Protection Act and continues to promote the **Stop the Bleed** initiative.

- **Bed Tracking:** ACEP is working on new legislation to mitigate hospital overcrowding through bed tracking software and provisions for a CMMI model focused on geriatric patients. There was a discussion about how EMS could effectively utilize this technology.
- **Support Act:** ACEP is also working with the Congress to reauthorize and improve the Support Act, with the hope that Congress will move the legislation in the lame duck.
- **Buprenorphine:** ACEP was at the forefront pushing Congress to remove the X-waiver requirement for prescribing buprenorphine. However, patients access to the drug has been difficult due to the suspicious orders. Additionally, ACEP is supporting numerous bills to help improve access to Narcan and Naloxone.

Council Report

Chris Pergrem, MD, FACEP, shared that this year's ACEP Council went smoothly and finished ahead of schedule. Key resolutions related to the Trauma and Injury Prevention Section included:

- **Workplace Violence** (Resolutions 41 and 42): Focus on advocating for reporting workplace violence without repercussions and supporting mechanisms for tracking such incidents.
- **Human Trafficking** (Resolutions 46 and 47): ACEP will work with ABEM on education and training while also declaring human trafficking a public health crisis.
- **Firearm Safety** (Resolutions 60 and 61): Develop resources for firearm safety counseling and collaborate with organizations like Doctors for America on safe storage advocacy.
- **Stop the Bleed** (Resolution 62): Continue to promote awareness of Stop the Bleed among physicians and foster educational activities around it.

Nominations/Elections

Chris Pergrem, MD, FACEP, opened the floor for nominations for leadership positions in the section. The elections resulted in the following appointments, all by unanimous votes:

- **Chair (2-year term):** Kristen Donaldson, MD, MPH, FACEP
- **Chair-Elect (2-year term):** Franco Lai, MD, ACEP, SIMEU, IEMIG
- **Secretary (2-year term):** Christopher Pergrem, MD, FACEP
- **Councillor (2-year term):** Gregory Larkin, MD, FACEP
- **Alternative Councillor (2-year term):** Malcom Bruce Parker, MD, FACEP

11:25 am The Future of TIPS (2021)

Chris Pergrem, MD, FACEP, and Ryan Stanton, MD, FACEP, led a discussion on the future of the Trauma and Injury Prevention Section (TIPS). The section explored opportunities for greater collaboration with the Public Health Committee and discussed potential legislative or regulatory actions related to gun violence safety measures, safe storage, human trafficking, bed tracking legislation, and reducing the stigma surrounding EMS fellowships.

11:30 am Adjourn